Import of Ballast cleaning Machines by the Railway's

4761. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways imported two Ballast cleaning Machines from M/s. Kershaw Manufacturing Company U.S.A. for Rs. 13.10 crore per machine and one of the machines had been found to be defective and could not be commissioned as yet;

(b) If so, what action Government have taken to replace the said machine or to recover the cost of the defective machine from its company;* and

(c) If not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes. Sir. Two Ballast Cleaning Machines were procured from M/s. Kershaw Manufacturing Company U.S.A. The machines had some initial problems in working in Indian conditions. This had been attended by the supplier under warranty provision and the machines were commissioned and are working satisfactorily.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

New Rail Line Projects in Gujarat

† 4762. MS. ALKABEN BALARAMBHAI KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of details of new rail line projects in Gujarat in respect of which the work has been going on during the period from the year 1999 to 2002, the number of such projects in respect of which the work is not being undertaken at present and the projects, the work pertaining to which has already been completed Project-wise separately?

† Original notice of the question was received Hi Hindi.